

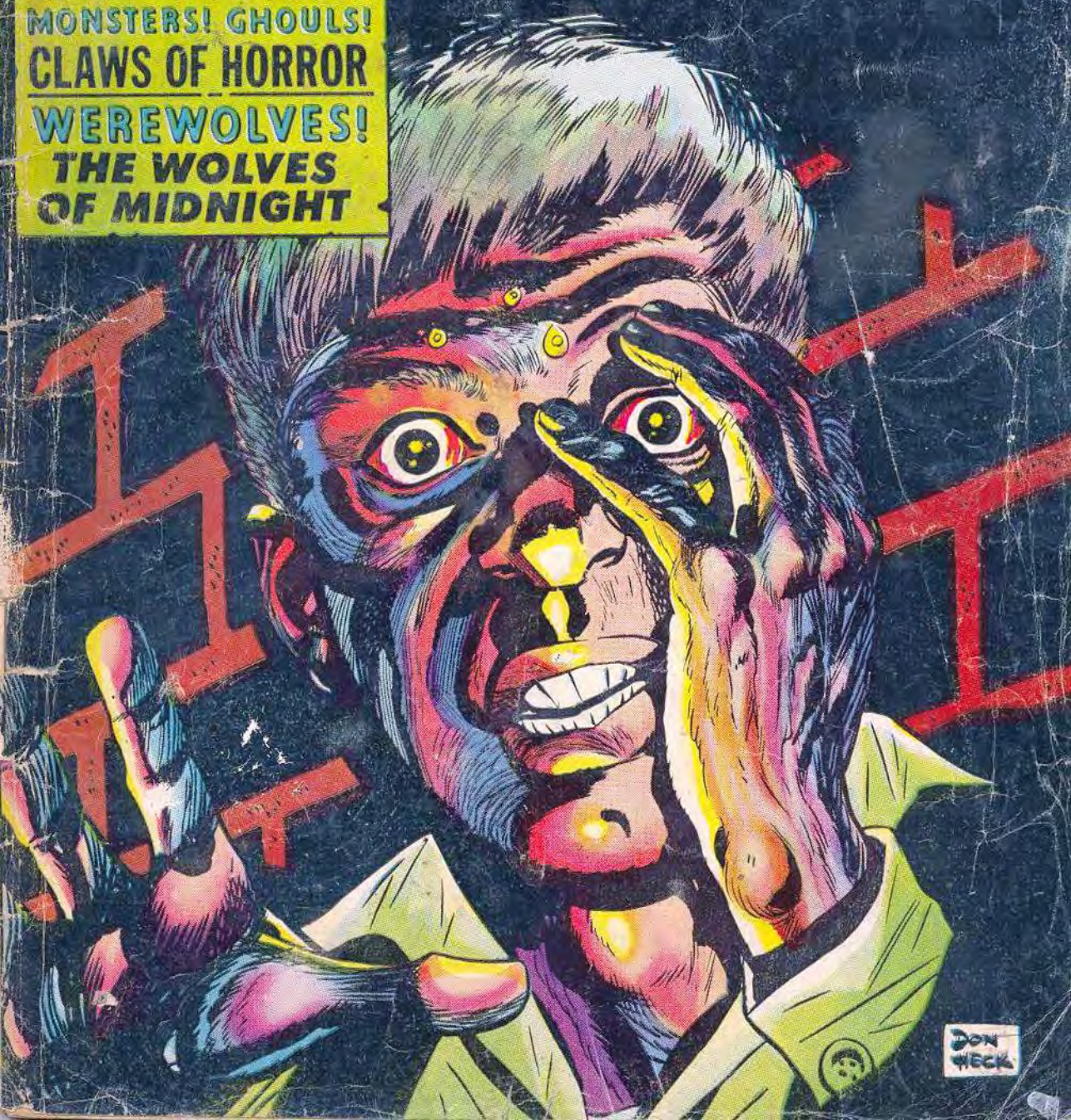
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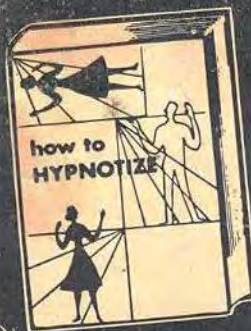
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# A GLIMPSE OF THE PIT

HERE WE'VE ONCE AGAIN TO THRILL YOU... TO CHILL YOU... IS THAT MYSTERIOUS NARRATOR OF THE UNKNOWN, THE TELLER!

GREETINGS, LOVERS OF THE OCCULT. I'M SURE YOU'VE MET MY ASSOCIATES HERE... EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THEM AT THE TIME! FROM LEFT TO RIGHT... FREDDY DEMON, GARRY GHOUL, VICTOR VAMPIRE AND WALTER WEREWOLF.



OUR FIRST TALE IS ONE THAT SHOULD BE MARKED, "WARNING! DANGER AHEAD!"... AND UNDERLINED IN RED! IT'S PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FOR FREDDIE DEMON HERE TO TELL US. SO, START US OFF, FREDDIE...

YES! OH YES... THIS IS MY MEAT! THIS IS THE TALE OF DORIS DUNCAN, A RICH, SPOILED GIRL. YOU SEE, DORIS' SISTER,

...BUT, SUPPOSE WE START AT AN INTERESTING PART OF THE STORY THAT HAPPENED JUST THE OTHER DAY. DORIS WAS ENGAGED A FEW MONTHS AGO TO A YOUNG MAN NAMED HARMON SMITH, BUT SHE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED. THEN, SEVERAL DAYS AGO...





**HARMON SMITH SPOTTED HER IN THE PUBLIC PARK.**

NOW, CHILDREN!  
GENTLY, GENTLY!

DORIS! DORIS DUNCAN!  
AND OF ALL PLACES...

SHEEP HERDING A BUNCH  
OF RAGGED KIDS... REALLY!  
WHY DID YOU RUN OUT  
ON ME?

I SUPPOSE I DO OWE  
YOU AN EXPLANATION.  
SIT DOWN, HARMON.  
IT'S A LONG STORY!

OF COURSE YOU KNOW THAT MY OLDER  
SISTER IRIS AND I WERE BROUGHT  
UP BY OUR MILLIONAIRE UNCLE, OLD  
JACOB. WE WERE SPOILED SNOBS,  
CRUEL AND HEARTLESS...

BUT I DON'T SEE WHAT...?

"WELL DORIS  
WENT ON TO TELL  
HOW SHE HAD  
ALWAYS BEEN  
INFLUENCED BY  
HER OLDER  
SISTER, FOLLOW-  
ING HER LEAD  
IN EVERYTHING..."

YOU MARRY THAT SMITH BOY,  
DORIS. HE HAS MILLIONS, AND  
THAT'S WHAT COUNTS! I KNOW  
...HAVEN'T I MARRIED  
THREE RICH MEN MYSELF!

YES, DORIS,  
I KNOW  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT,  
BUT...

**BUT NOTHING!** IT'S MONEY  
THAT MAKES THE WORLD GO  
ROUND, REMEMBER THAT!

I... OH, ALRIGHT,  
I'LL MARRY  
HIM.

SPEAKING OF MONEY, UNCLE JACOB THERE  
IS LOADED WITH IT... AND WHEN HE DIES,  
IT'S ALL OURS! I WISH HE'D DROP DEAD,  
THE OLD SKINFINT... AND I THINK I  
KNOW A WAY TO HURRY HIM ALONG!

IRIS!  
YOU  
DON'T  
MEAN  
YOU'D...



BUT IRIS DID MEAN IT! AS USUAL, POOR DORIS WENT ALONG. IRIS HAD A PLAN, AND SO LATER THAT NIGHT...

EVERYONE KNOWS HE'S ECCENTRIC, THAT HE COLLECTS OLD TORTURE WEAPONS AND THAT HE EVEN SLEEPS IN A BED WITH A FALLING CANOPY OF SPIKES, JUST TO BE DIFFERENT! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PULL THE STEEL PIN THAT KEEPS THE CANOPY UP, AND...

IT WOULD BE A SUICIDE!



IT'S ONLY MURDER IF YOU'RE CAUGHT AT IT! PEOPLE WILL THINK IT WAS AN ACCIDENT... THE PIN SLIPPED OUT. WHO'D SUSPECT US? COME ON... WE'LL DO IT RIGHT NOW!

NO IRIS! PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME GO!



IRIS LED THE WAY INTO THE OLD MAN'S BED-ROOM, AND DORIS WENT ALONG... UP TO A POINT!

BUT HE'S BEEN GOOD TO US, IRIS, AND... NO! NO! I WON'T LET YOU DO IT!

SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE FOOL!



NO, IRIS! COME AWAY FROM THERE!

LET GO OF ME! IF YOU WAKE HIM UP, I'LL KILL YOU TOO!



THERE!

OH, NO! NOOOO!



EH? WHA? AAAGGGGGGGHHH!!







OOOH DORIS, HELP!



DORIS RACED MADLY DOWNSTAIRS, EXPECTING  
TO FIND IRIS' SHATTERED BODY ON THE  
TERRACE BELOW...



BUT SHE WAS WRONG! FOR INSTEAD OF A  
MANGLED BODY ON THE STONE...





SHE FOUND IRIS, APPARENTLY IN A TRANCE, FOLLOWING A VOICE THAT IRIS ALONE COULD HEAR! FASCINATED, HYPNOTIZED, DORIS FOLLOWED...

I HEAR YOU! I HEAR YOU!  
YES, I'M COMING!



ACROSS THE FIELDS, THROUGH THE ANCIENT GRAVEYARD, AND INTO THE VERY MOUTH OF A TOMB ITSELF SHE FOLLOWED!



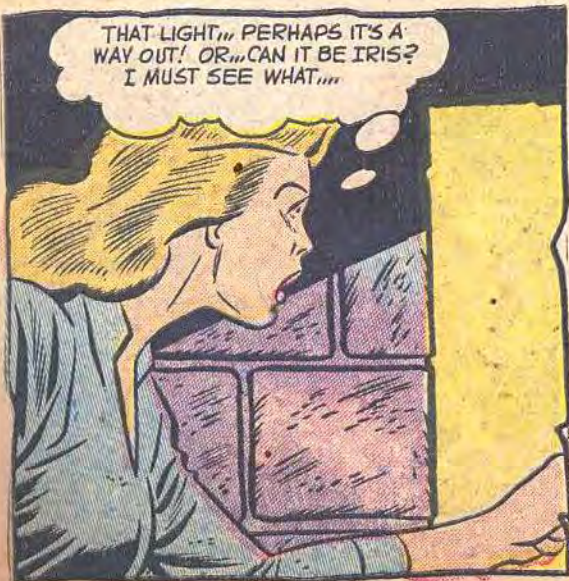
DOWN SLIMY STONE STEPS DORIS FOLLOWED HER SISTER, HELD IN THE GRIP OF A SHUDDERING COMPULSION, UNABLE TO TURN BACK, UNTIL...



SHE'S GONE! AND I'M ALONE!  
I'M LOST IN THIS HOUSE OF DEATH!



THAT LIGHT... PERHAPS IT'S A  
WAY OUT! OR... CAN IT BE IRIS?  
I MUST SEE WHAT...



IRIS!! BUT IT CAN'T BE! SUCH  
HORRORS LIVE IN DREAMS!  
AM I GOING MAD?







I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I MUSTN'T LET MYSELF BELIEVE IT! BUT...



YES... YES! I'M COMING!

BUT IT IS IRIS, AND IT IS TRUE!



AND STILL DORIS FOLLOWED, UNTIL AT LAST... SHE SAW...

NO! NO! NOT THERE! I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT ANYBODY!



NO! PLEASE! EEEE!



I KNOW WHERE 'THERE' IS... BUT I MUST SEE FOR MYSELF... OOOOHHH! I BURNED MY HAND! BUT I MUST SEE...



AND SO FOR ONE ETERNAL MOMENT, DORIS STARED DOWN INTO... INTO...



I HAVE SEEN THE VERY DEPTHS OF...

DORIS! DORIS DUNCAN! HEAR ME!



YOU HAVE HAD A GLIMPSE OF THE PIT, DORIS DUNCAN! REMEMBER IT! FOR IF YOU GO ON LIVING AS YOU HAVE... WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!  
**HA-HA-HA!!**



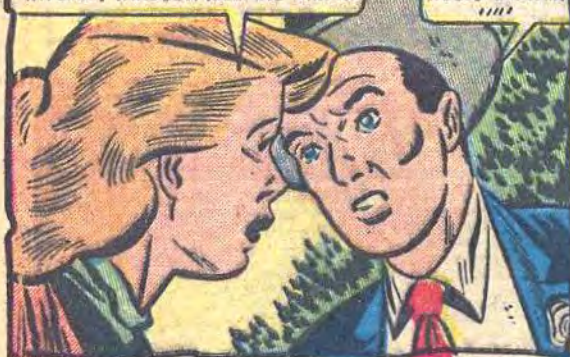
AND THEN DORIS DUNCAN TURNED AND RAN, IN BLIND LUTTER TERROR! AND SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, SHE FOUND HERSELF BACK IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING!!!



AND TELLING HER STORY TO HER FORMER FIANCE SEVERAL MONTHS LATER.

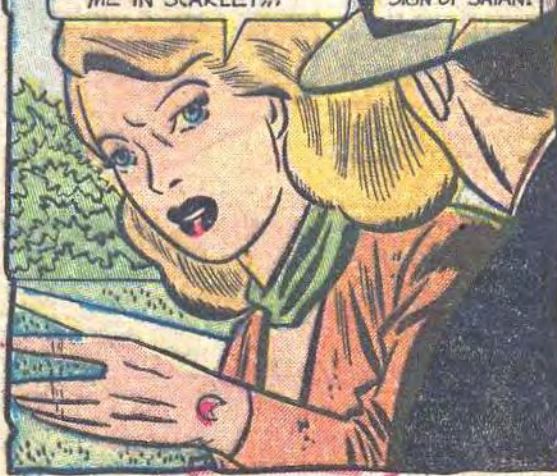
"AND THAT'S WHY I'VE BECOME A SOCIAL WORKER. PERHAPS I CAN HELP THESE CHILDREN TO LEAD DECENT LIVES...AND SAVE MYSELF, THROUGH HELPING THEM!"

BUT DORIS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... IT WAS A DREAM, THAT WOULD EXPLAIN



WILL IT EXPLAIN THIS!? BRANDED INDELIBLY ON ME IN SCARLET...

A CLOVEN HOOF! THE SIGN OF SATAN!



COME CHILDREN. WE'LL GO NOW. GOODBYE, HARMON. REMEMBER MY STORY!

HOW...HOW COULD I FORGET?



YES, INDEED! HOW COULD ANYONE FORGET A GLIMPSE OF THE PIT? COULD YOU?



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NOW THIS IS A TALE WITH  
AN OFF-BEAT TWIST THAT  
I'VE RESERVED TO TELL YOU  
MYSELF. I GUARANTEE YOU  
WILL GASP AT THE BLOOD-  
FREEZING OUTCOME OF...



MARTY  
ELKIN

# The HORRIBLE TRADE

IT ALL BEGAN ON A SAFARI IN DARKEST AFRICA.  
TOWARDS EVENING ON A FINE DAY...



JOHN LEWIS RETURNED TO CAMP WITH A  
LION HE HAD BAGGED...

VERY FINE! SHOOT GOOD  
TODAY BWANA LEWIS!



BUT, AS USUAL, HIS FRIEND, KENNETH KING  
NOT ONLY HAD NO LION. BUT HAD BOLTED  
AND RUN AWAY... FOR KENNETH KING WAS  
A COWARD...

ROTTEN LUCK! THAT SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN MY LION! IF ONLY  
I HADN'T TRIPPED.....!





LATER, AS KING BROODED ALONE OVER HIS FAILURES...



SSSS! BWANA KING!

EH? THAT YOU, NTALA? DON'T BOTHER ME NOW!



WHY YOU NOT COME SEE ME, BWANA KING? YOU PROMISE TO TAKE ME TO AMERICA WITH YOU, BUT YOU NOT COME...

GO AWAY, NTALA. I'LL COME AND SEE YOU WHEN I'M IN THE MOOD AND NOT BEFORE!



DO NOT BE CRUEL! I MUST GO WITH YOU. MY FATHER IS THE WITCH DOCTOR. HE WILL CAST A SPELL OVER BOTH OF US, IF YOU DO NOT TAKE ME AWAY QUICKLY!

NTALA!



HE COMES! I MUST RUN. BUT I WILL COME TO YOU LATER!

STUPID SAVAGE! SPELLS, OF ALL THINGS!



BWANA KING! YOU TALK TO MY DAUGHTER AGAIN, MAKE HER FALSE PROMISES! YOU ARE EVIL! YOU WILL HURT HER! ONCE AGAIN I WARN YOU!

ARE YOU THREATENING ME, YOU BEGGAR?



YOU AND YOUR IGNORANT MAGIC! GET AWAY FROM ME, BEFORE I...

YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND AFRICA, WHITE MAN. MY SPELLS ARE POWERFUL. THEY CAN DO ANYTHING! BEWARE OF MY MAGIC, EVIL ONE!



I HAVE HEARD TALES OF THEIR MAGIC, THOUGH... I WONDER...? MAYBE HE COULD FIX THINGS FOR ME. AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO MAKE HIM DO IT!



AND SO  
LATER  
THAT  
NIGHT,  
KING  
BURST  
INTO  
THE  
WITCH  
DOCTOR'S  
HUT....



YOU?! GET OUT. YOU  
ARE NOT WELCOME  
HERE!

I'VE COME FOR NTALA, OLD MAN... AND I'M  
SURE SHE'LL GO WITH ME, WHETHER YOU  
LIKE IT OR NOT!



NO! YOU  
WOULD  
CAST HER  
ASIDE TO  
END HER  
LIFE IN  
MISERY!

OH  
YES!  
YES!  
I  
GO!

REALLY WANT  
TO KEEP  
HER, DO YOU?  
WELL, THEN,  
SUPPOSE  
WE MAKE A  
TRADE!



WHAT TRADE,  
BWANA, KING?

I WANT TO BE  
THE GREATEST  
HUNTER IN THE  
JUNGLE, AND THE  
BRAVEST! MAKE  
ME THAT...



...OR I  
TAKE  
NTALA  
AWAY  
WITH ME  
NOW!

BWANA!  
YOU  
HURT  
MY  
ARM!

I WILL TRADE.  
I HAVE BUT TO  
ADD OTHER  
INGREDIENTS TO  
THE POTION HERE,  
AND IT IS DONE!



DARK POWERS, HEAR THIS MORTAL'S PLEA!  
DO AS HE ASKS, I COMMAND YOU! COME, BWANA  
KING. BREATHE DEEPLY OF THE SMOKE!



I... I FEEL  
STRANGE!  
DIZZY!

GOOD! THE SPELL IS CAST. SOON YOU  
WILL BECOME THE GREATEST AND  
BRAVEST OF ALL HUNTERS IN THE  
JUNGLE!









AND SO, NEXT MORNING, THE HUNT IS ON AGAIN...

I HAVE A FEELING I'M GOING TO BAG ANOTHER LION TODAY, KING!

I FEEL LUCKY TOO. IN FACT, SO LUCKY...



THAT I THINK I'LL GO OFF ALL BY MYSELF TO GIVE MY LUCK A CHANCE!

I WANT TO BE ALONE WHEN THE CHANGE COMES OVER ME!

ALL ALONE? BUT...! WELL, IF YOU THINK YOU'D DO BETTER THAT WAY...



WHY DOESN'T IT COME? IT'S BEEN HOURS SINCE I LEFT LEWIS! IF THAT WITCH DOCTOR DOUBLE-CROSSED ME, I'LL... OHH! I FEEL SO...!



IT'S HAPPENING! IT'S WORKING! I'M DIZZY AND SICK... BUT SOON I'LL BE A GREAT, BRAVE, HUNTER!

AND A MOMENT LATER, A HEADY SENSATION SWEEPED OVER KING! HE LOOKED ABOUT AT THE AFRICAN BUSH, UNAFRAID, FULL OF PULSING LIFE, READY TO DO BATTLE WITH ALL COMERS!...



A MOMENT LATER, KING SPOTTED LEWIS, AND DECIDED TO CREEP CLOSER TO HIM, JUST FOR A LOOK...





HIS HEART FULL OF HIS NEW FOUND BRAVERY, KING PUSHED CLOSER TO LEWIS THROUGH THE TALL GRASS.



AND SUDDENLY, HIS BLOOD NOW RACING WITH EXCITEMENT, THE THOUGHT CAME TO HIM: "NOW'S THE TIME, WHILE HIS BACK IS TURNED."



IN A FLASH, KING FOUND HIMSELF RACING TOWARD LEWIS AT EXPRESS TRAIN SPEED, HIS EARS SINGING WITH SAVAGE JOY.



BUT LEWIS TURNED, AND AIMED HIS RIFLE DIRECTLY AT KING. WHY? WAS HIS FRIEND ACTUALLY GOING TO...??!!



AND AT LAST, WITH A BURST OF PURE TERROR, KING KNEW THAT THE WITCH DOCTOR HAD KEPT HIS PROMISE. KING WAS INDEED THE GREATEST, BRAVEST HUNTER IN ALL THE JUNGLE.

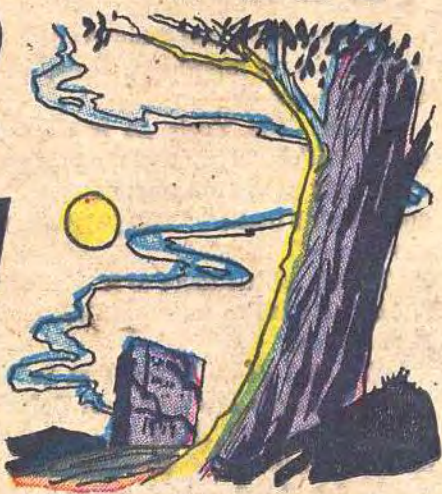


FOR HE REALIZED JUST BEFORE THE HIGH-POWERED BULLET CRASHED THROUGH HIS BRAIN, THAT...HE WAS THE LION.





# COFFIN C O R N E R



Welcome once more to the Coffin Corner, friends and readers! Let me thank you for the wonderful letters you have sent to me. Believe me, some of them were fascinating and instructive, and I am printing as many as space allows for all of you to see.

Don't forget, every complaint or request is doubly welcome. Each letter tells me whether my stories have thrilled and chilled you, and each letter helps me choose future spine-tingers to quicken your pulses! Keep them coming! Here are some of this month's best.

Dear Teller:

I never miss an issue of the Horrific-Harwell books, and last month's Teller stories were swell, so this is not really a criticism. But why so many vampires, monsters, things from another world? How about stories that happen to somebody we might know, the fellow next door for instance?

Hopefully,  
Arnold Arno  
Queens, New York

We've beaten you to it, Arnold. As you can see by a look at this very issue, we're trying to give you the experiences of real people. If you've read "A Glimpse of the Pit," or "The Wolves of Midnight," you know what I mean.

Dear Teller:

That chiller-diller in one of your recent issues, A Portrait of Death, really kept me awake nights wondering what's under my cellar floor. I loved it. Give us lots more monsters, and throw in plenty of werewolves and vampires. That's the stuff that makes the hair stand up,

and that's why we read your books.

Russel Harbertt

Durant, Oklahoma

See the way it goes, Russel? Arnold Arno in the first letter likes real people, and you like monsters. We have to try to keep a fair balance of both. Hope you like the way we've divided it this time!

Dear Teller:

I admire your technique of "Telling" stories. It reminds me of the wonderful sessions we used to have when I was a youngster, sitting around a glowing fire in a darkened room and telling each other the most terrifying stories we could think of. I'll never forget the deliciously shivery sensations I had when the group met at someone else's house, and I was forced to go home alone. I didn't have to pass a graveyard, thank goodness, but I certainly did do some pretty loud whistling in the dark! I'd almost forgotten how much fun that feeling could be until I picked up a copy of one of your publications recently. Thanks for bringing it back, and I wish you luck in keeping up that same fine style.

Carl Harrold

Charleson, W. Va.

Thank you, Carl, and a deep bow from the Editorial waist. It's letters like yours that make me glad I chose to tell my tales to the public in this form, rather than writing them in a professorial, dusty style. I'll try to keep on giving you that "delicious shivery" sensation until I run out of stories—and I don't think that will be very soon! Thanks again. Till next issue, I remain—

Horribly yours,  
The Teller



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# BLACK MAGIC

I'd like to talk to you about the dangers of mysticism. Not mysticism per se, of course, but the half-baked sort of magic practiced by someone who thinks he knows it all, but who in reality has hardly opened the door.

Bob was the perennial student, always seeking new knowledge. At the time I met him, he was fascinated by mysticism and occultism. We were both aboard ship, headed for Bombay, and of course we became fast friends. Bob was attracted by the hints I gave him about his studies, and I found his eagerness to learn charming and refreshing.

I didn't see Bob for several months after we landed. He wandered off across India, while I had some business to attend to with some thousand-year-old teachers of mine in the mountain regions.

However, on my return to Bombay, I found that Bob had booked passage for home on my ship, and was bursting with new-found pride.

"Look at me," he said, with a self-satisfied grin. "You see before you a full-fledged mystic! Wait till you see what I can do!"

I chuckled. "Learn the Indian rope trick, or what?"

But it developed that Bob, though still a neophyte, had gone a step further than the rope trick. He had spent his time with the Yogis, and had learned their trick of making things disappear into another dimension. Of course, he didn't know where the things went, or how to bring them back, but he had the first part of the trick down pat.

"Watch," he laughed, holding up a glass of water from my cabin table. "All I have to do is say that I don't believe this glass of water exists, and—presto!"

Sure enough, glass and water disappeared into thin air. It's an old trick, but always a fairly effective one.

I smiled, but I was a bit worried. "Bob, be careful of such knowledge. It can be dangerous, you know—"

"Pshaw! The Yogis do it all the time," answered Bob. "They told me that everything exists only in the imagination of its beholder, and it's all a matter of will power. It works on anything—"

"There's a little more to it than simple will power," I tried to interrupt, but Bob wasn't to be stopped.

"Why, if I don't believe that fan up there exists, it simply *doesn't*," said Bob. And the fan vanished. "I don't believe that chair exists. I don't believe that hairbrush in your hand exists!" Bob was chortling with amusement as the brush dematerialized in my hand. Things were disappearing all over the cabin as he went on.

"Bob, listen to me," I said. "There are twists and turns in this business that you haven't had time to learn! Suppose, by mistake, you should make something disappear that you want to keep? Why, you wouldn't be able to bring it—"

"Why, who can say what exists in this whole world? Perhaps I don't even exist—"

"Bob!", I shouted—but it was too late.

"Sometimes, in fact," said Bob, "I really believe that I *don't* ex—"

And suddenly where he had stood there was nothing but the blank cabin wall. Bob Stagg was gone completely, and he hasn't been seen since.

Oh, I've seen him a few times, naturally. He comes to visit me occasionally when the moon is right. But now he's one of those—well, that's an entirely different story. We'll go into it at some other session. But for now, goodnight—and pleasant dreams!

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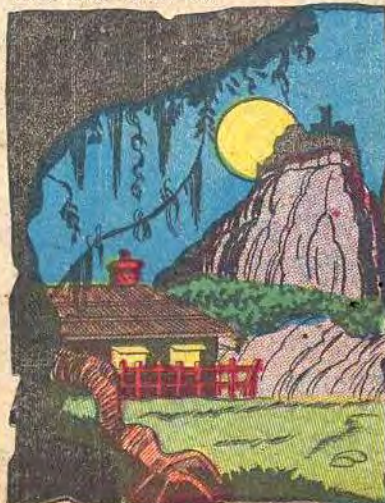


MARTY  
ELKIN

DID YOU KNOW THAT BANDS OF WILD, SAVAGE CATS ROAM THE HILLS IN PARTS OF ASIA? WELL, THEY DO. THEY LIVE IN ABANDONED BUILDINGS, AND IN CRUMBLING TEMPLES LIKE THIS ONE. NO ONE PAYS THEM MUCH ATTENTION, BUT THEY SHOULD! HA, HA, HA! THEY SHOULD. AND I'LL TELL YOU A STORY TO SHOW YOU WHY!



THERE ONCE WAS A BEAUTIFUL, DARK HAIRRED GIRL NAMED FELICE, WHO LIVED NEAR A RUINED TEMPLE WHERE CATS PROWLED. FELICE WAS IN LOVE WITH A HANDSOME ADVENTURER NAMED DICK ONEIL, AND ONE NIGHT...





PLEASE COME WITH ME, FELICE. LET ME TAKE YOU BACK TO THE STATES AND...

NO, DICK... IT'S NO USE ASKING ANYMORE. I LOVE YOU, BUT I CAN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE. WHY, IT'S MY HOME! I'D BE LOST ANYWHERE ELSE.

BUT YOU SEEM SO... SO ILL AT EASE HERE! YOU KEEP WATCHING FOR SOMETHING IN THE DARK. ARE YOU AFRAID OF THOSE CATS UP IN THE TEMPLE?

NO! THEY'RE NOT... WELL... THAT IS... I GUESS THEY DO MAKE ME NERVOUS.

DARLING, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN IN HORROR OF CATS SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD. YOU TOLD ME ABOUT...

THE CATS! THE CATS! THEY ARE HERE!

THOSE SNEAKING DEVILS! I'LL SHOW THEM!

GET OUT OF HERE, YOU SCAVENGERS! I'LL GET ONE OF YOU YET!

DON'T, DICK!

WHY NOT? YOU'VE HATED THEM EVER SINCE YOU WERE CLAWED AS A CHILD, HAVEN'T YOU?

DICK...!



I ASK YOU NEVER TO MENTION THESE SCARS! CAN'T YOU REMEMBER THAT?

BUT THEY'RE NOT SO BAD! WHY GET SO EXCITED ABOUT IT?

I-I JUST DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO NOTICE THEM. THAT'S ALL.

I'M SORRY, DEAR. YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH TO HURT YOU. I GUESS I'D BETTER GO NOW...

...BUT I'LL BE BACK. I'LL NEVER STOP TRYING TO MAKE YOU MINE, FOREVER!

IF YOU REALLY MEAN THAT, DICK... I'LL FIND A WAY, SOMEHOW.



BUT FIVE MINUTES LATER, AS DICK WAS WALKING HOME...

RACING BACK TO THE TERRACE, DICK FOUND NOTHING, BUT...

I DON'T KNOW HOW CATS COULD MANAGE SUCH A THING... BUT THEY'VE JUST COMMITTED SUICIDE! I'LL KILL EVERY ONE OF THEM, WITH MY BARE HANDS IF I HAVE TO!

DICK! HELP!

GOOD...! THAT WAS FELICE'S VOICE!

CAT TRACKS... HUNDREDS OF THEM! THOSE MONSTERS HAVE CARRIED HER AWAY SOMEHOW!

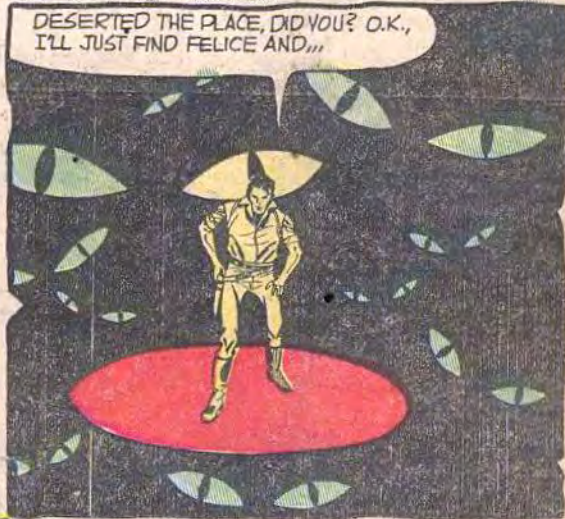




MOMENTS LATER...



BUT DICK WAS WRONG...



AAHHHHH!





LOOK AT THEM! WALKING ERECT. THINKING CREATURES! AM I INSANE OR IN ANOTHER WORLD?



I MUST BE HAVING A NIGHTMARE! NOW WE SEEM TO BE APPROACHING AN ARENA OF SOME SORT, AND...



FELICE!!

DICK! OH, DICK! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME!



AND NOW, HUMAN, WE SHALL GET TO THE BUSINESS OF THE MOMENT!

YOU... YOU SPEAK??  
NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S SURPRISING WHAT HUMANS CAN AND CANNOT BELIEVE, MY FRIEND! YOU BELIEVE IN WEREWOLVES, VAMPIRE BATS, BUT THE LOWLY CAT? NEVER! YET WE ARE HUMANOID VAMPIRE CATS,, AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE! HA, HA.

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US?

WE NEED RECRUITS, MY FRIEND. HUMAN BEINGS TO BECOME LIKE US. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CLAW YOU, TO CAUSE YOUR BLOOD TO TOUCH THE TALONS OF ONE OF US...





„BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE MUST HAVE YOUR PERMISSION FIRST! YOU MUST AGREE TO BECOME ONE OF US, OR THE CLAWS SIMPLY DRAW BLOOD LIKE ANY OTHER CAT CLAWS!

AND YOU WANT US TO„?



YES! AGREE TO BECOME ONE OF US. LET THE CLAWS TAKE EFFECT! YOU WILL BE POWERFUL, ABLE TO CHANGE FROM CAT TO HUMAN AT WILL! LET ME RAKE YOUR FACE WITH MY...

NO! I'LL DIE FIRST. YOU FILTHY GHOUL!



PERHAPS YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND WHEN YOU SEE YOUR SWEETHEART SLOWLY CLAWED TO DEATH! PROCEED WITH THE EXECUTION!



EEEE! NO! NO! PLEASE!

STOP IT! I AGREE! I'LL DO ANYTHING! LET HER GO, AND I'LL AGREE!



QUIT THE WOMAN LOOSE, AND WELCOME TO OUR RANKS, CAT-MAN!

I'LL LET YOU DO IT... ONLY AFTER FELICE IS SAFELY AWAY FROM THIS PLACE!



YOU HAVE ALREADY AGREED... YOU HAVE NO CHOICE NOW!

RUN, FELICE! GET OUT OF HERE!







SHE IS BEAUTIFUL, IS SHE NOT?!

RUN, FELICE! RUN!



FELICE, ARE YOU MAD? GET AWAY WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

DICK, YOU MUST LOVE ME VERY MUCH TO DO WHAT YOU ARE DOING, DON'T YOU?



OF COURSE I DO, BUT...!

THEN I WAS RIGHT IN DOING WHAT I HAVE DONE!

YES, SHE IS VERY BEAUTIFUL...



...OUR QUEEN!

NOW WE CAN BE TOGETHER FOREVER, MY LOVE..

NO!



"BUT OF COURSE, I HAD TO ARRANGE FOR YOU TO BECOME ONE OF US.

NO FELICE!



HOLD STILL MY CAT-MAN LOVER! THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND...!!

NO!



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# THE WOLVES OF MIDNIGHT

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WHAT AN ODD PLACE! I CAN HARDLY TAKE MY EYES OFF IT!

DON, LOOKOUT!







MINUTES LATER, AS THEY  
STOOD LOOKING AT THE  
WRECKED CAR...

WELL, WE SURE  
CAN'T DRIVE IT!  
I WONDER IF  
ANYBODY LIVES  
AROUND...

OH!!!  
OH... YOU  
STARTLED  
ME, LITTLE  
GIRL! WHERE  
DID YOU  
COME FROM?



SOMEONE LIVES  
THERE, THEN... WE'RE  
IN LUCK, PERHAPS WE  
CAN STAY THE NIGHT,  
AND...

DON,  
I DON'T  
LIKE THE  
LOOKS OF  
... OF...



ENTERING THE HOUSE, THEY FOUND...

WHY, THIS PLACE  
IS DESERTED.  
SAY, LITTLE  
GIRL, DOESN'T  
SOMEONE  
LIVE HERE?  
COULDN'T WE  
GET SOMETHING  
TO EAT?

AIN'T  
ANYTHING  
TO EAT.  
I DON'T  
HAVE  
MUCH  
USE  
FER  
EATIN'!

BUT,  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
FATHER  
AND  
MOTHER  
DEAR?



MY MAW AN' PAW?  
I HATE 'EM AN' THEY  
HATE ME. WHENEVER  
THEY'S MAD AT ME,  
THEY LOCK ME OUT  
ALL NIGHT AN' TELL  
ME THE WOLVES  
ARE COMIN' FUR ME.

WOLVES!  
OH, YOU  
POOR  
CHILD!  
DON'T  
YOU  
LISTEN..



I HATE 'EM!  
I HATE 'EM!

DARLING, LET'S GET  
OUT OF HERE! ...  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
AWFUL ABOUT THIS  
PLACE!







BUT AS THE HOURS PASS, SLEEP CRAWLS OVER TIRED BODIES. AND THEN AS MIDNIGHT CHIMES









DON AND MARY RACED DOWN THE ROAD FOR WHAT SEEMED HOURS...

LOOK!  
THE HOUSE  
IS BURNING!

GOOD!  
GOOD RIDDANCE  
TO IT!

BUT AT LAST...

HI THERE! WHERE'S  
THE FIRE AT?

MY, BUT IT'S  
GOOD TO SEE  
YOU, MISTER!

IT'S THAT CRAZY  
OLD HOUSE AT  
THE BEND! WE  
WERE INVITED  
TO SPEND THE  
NIGHT THERE  
AND...

INVITED? WHY THAT FELLERN' HIS WIFE  
BEEN DEAD FIVE YEARS! FUNNY STORY  
TOO!... SHERIFF SWORE THEY WAS KILLED  
IN BED BY **WOLVES** COURSE, THERE  
AIN'T BEEN A WOLF 'ROUND HERE  
FOR TWENTY YEARS!

KILLED...  
BY WOLVES!  
FIVE  
YEARS  
AGO??

THERE **ARE** WOLVES  
THERE! HUGE AND  
NIGHTMARISH WOLVES!  
THEY CAME INTO  
OUR ROOM, AND A  
LITTLE GIRL WITH  
A CANDLE...

'PEARS TO ME  
YOU'RE BOTH  
A LITTLE BIT  
TETCHED!  
I'M GOIN'  
BACK TO BED!

WAIT! DID THEY  
HAVE A LITTLE  
GIRL OF TEN?  
SURE, THEY MUST  
HAVE LEFT HER  
WHEN THEY...

HOW DO YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
THE GIRL?...  
YOU RELATED  
??

THERE **IS** A  
LITTLE GIRL, THEN!

THERE WAS,  
MISTER. BUT  
I'LL TELL YOU  
THIS MUCH...





THAT LITTLE GIRL WAS DEAD A MONTH BEFORE HER MAW AN PAW! THEY LOCKED HER OUT ONE NIGHT... DOC SAID SHE DIED O' PURE FRIGHT!

**SHE... DIED!!**

BUT IT CAN'T BE! WE SAW HER... OR DID WE IMAGINE...?



BUT **THAT** ISN'T IMAGINATION! THAT BEAST REALLY BIT ME! HOW COULD AN IMAGINARY...

DON, DON, LISTEN TO ME...



WHAT WE SAW WAS A **PROJECTION!** A PROJECTION OF THAT CHILDS IMAGINATION... SHE CREATED THOSE WOLVES IN HER MIND, THE NIGHT SHE DIED OF FRIGHT! AS FOR THE GIRL HERSELF...

OH, MARY! LET'S NOT LOSE OUR HEADS COMPLETELY... WHAT'S THAT?



**GOOD HEAVENS!**

WAL... I'LL BE! THE SAINTS PRESERVE US! THE FIENDS OF HELL ARE LOOSE TONITE!



HAVE **YOU** EVER HEARD A FAR-AWAY HOWL, DEEP IN THE DARKNESS WHEN THE MOON IS FULL? RISK A LOOK OUT THE WINDOW IF YOU DARE, AND PERHAPS YOU'LL BE LUCKY ENOUGH... OR... **UNLUCKY** ENOUGH... TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF **THE WOLVES OF MIDNIGHT!!**





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- K =

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